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In response to the Office Action mailed on July 31, 2002, (Paper No. 14), Applicants submit the following remarks. Reconsideration and allowance of the present claims is respectfully requested.

**REMARKS**

**A. Indefiniteness (35 U.S.C. § 112, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph)**

The Examiner stated that clarification of the language "a characteristic of said signal primer is that it may not function as an amplification primer" is needed.

A characteristic of an amplification primer is that its extension product is available for further amplification. Accordingly, extension products of an amplification primer may be